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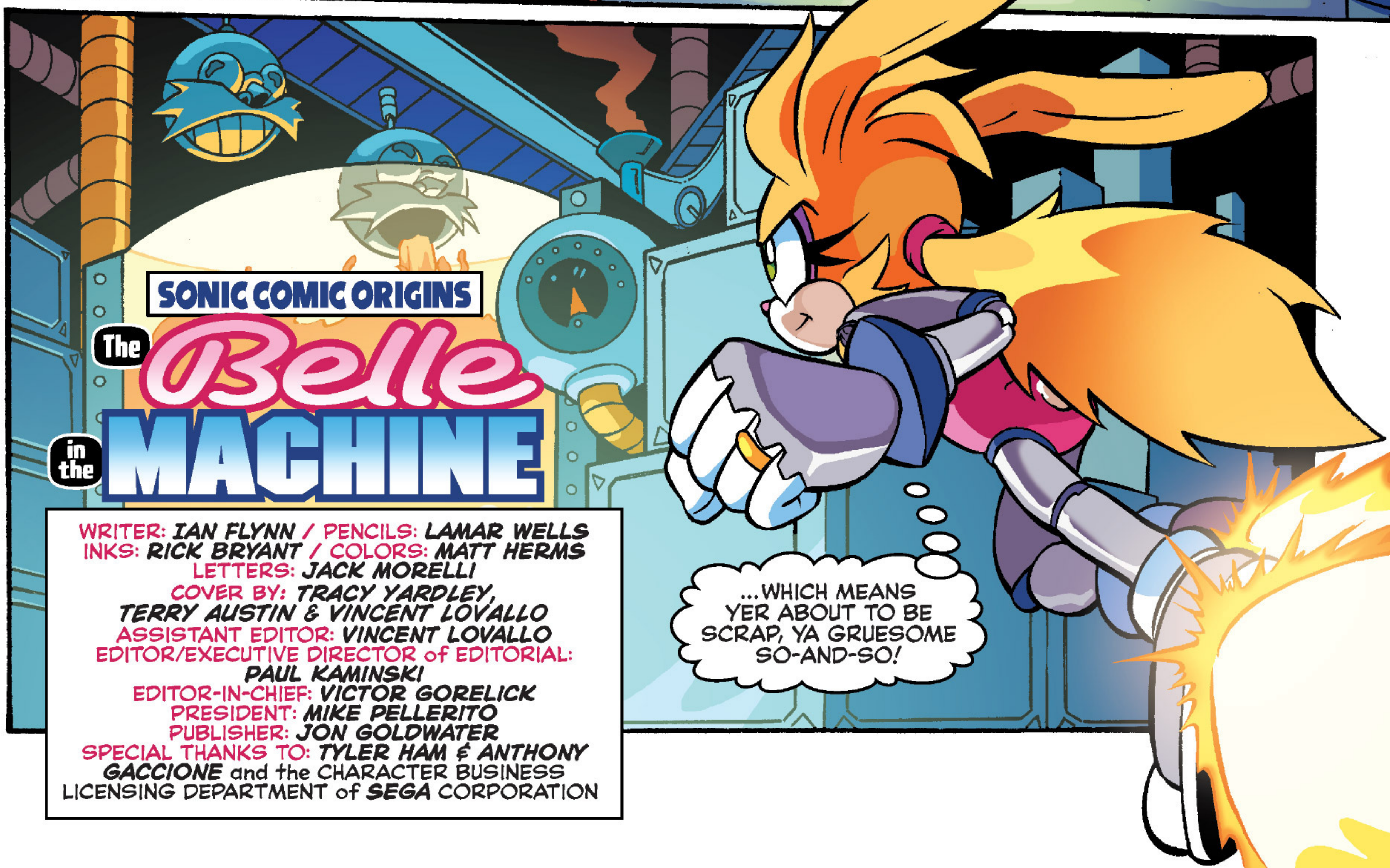
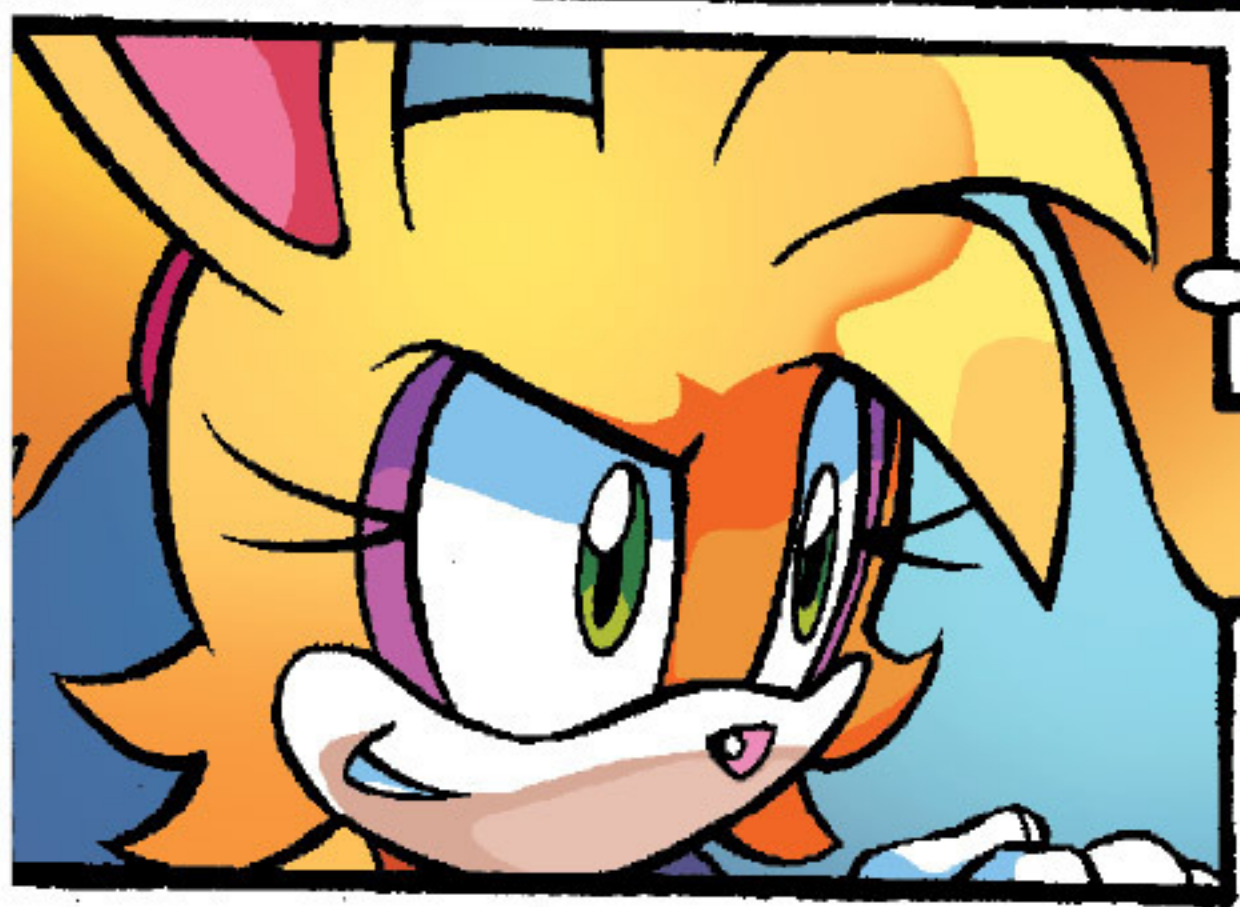
COMIC ORIGINS



HAHAHAHAHAHRRRRGH!!
KA-BOOM

HAHA!
SAY G'NITE,
GRUESOME!

YAHOO!
LOOKS LIKE SONIC
AND THE BOYS ARE
HOLDIN' THEIR OWN.
AND AH'M GUESSIN'
SALLY IS MOVING TO
RENDEZVOUS WITH
'TWAN...



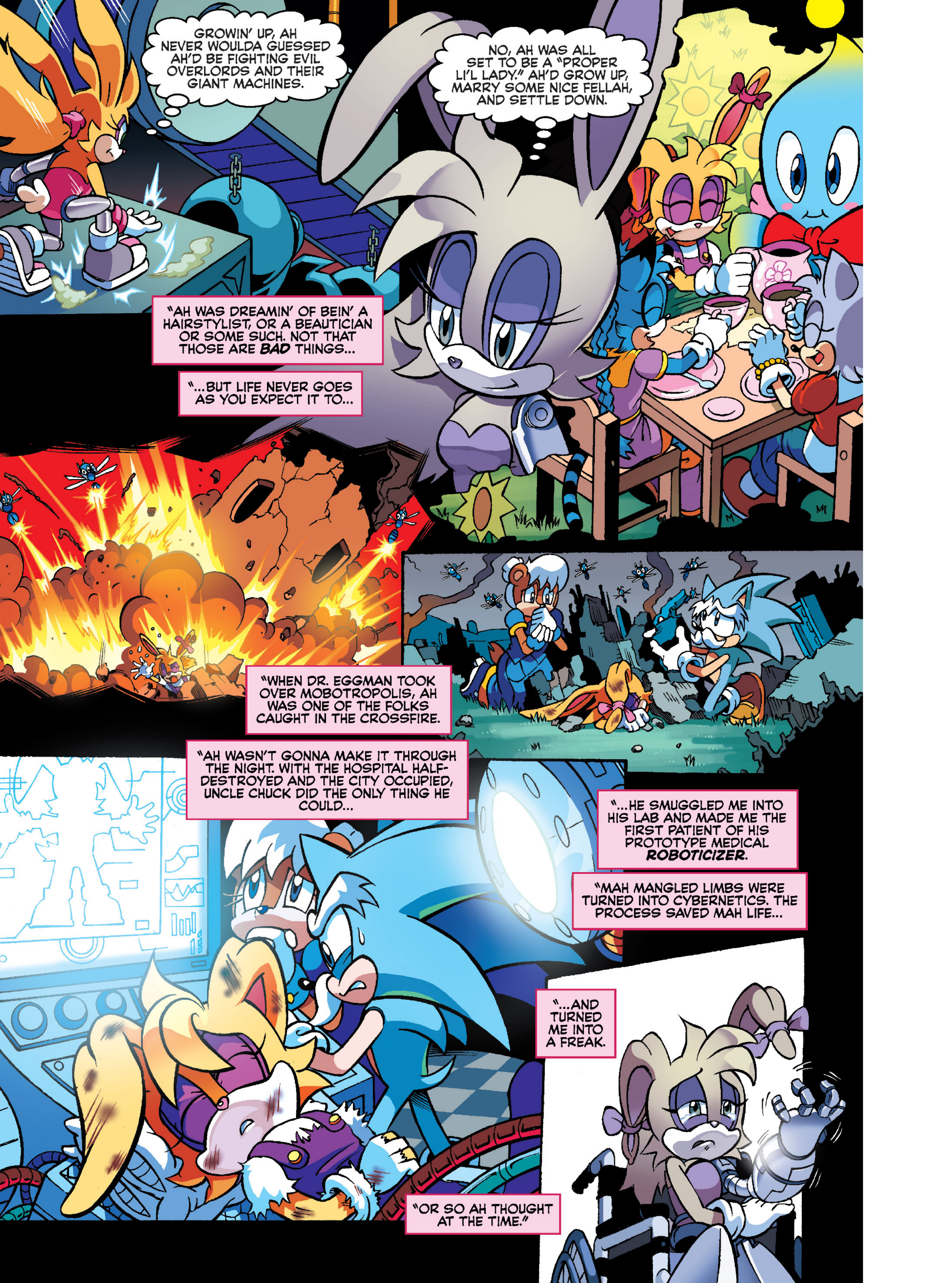
SONIC COMIC ORIGINS

The

Belle
in the
MACHINE

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...WHICH MEANS
YER ABOUT TO BE
SCRAP, YA GRUESOME
SO-AND-SO!



GROWIN' UP, AH NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED AH'D BE FIGHTING EVIL OVERLORDS AND THEIR GIANT MACHINES.

NO, AH WAS ALL SET TO BE A "PROPER LI'L LADY." AH'D GROW UP, MARRY SOME NICE FELLAH, AND SETTLE DOWN.

"AH WAS DREAMIN' OF BEIN' A HAIRSTYLIST, OR A BEAUTICIAN OR SOME SUCH. NOT THAT THOSE ARE *BAD* THINGS...

"...BUT LIFE NEVER GOES AS YOU EXPECT IT TO...

"WHEN DR. EGGMAN TOOK OVER MOBOTROPOLIS, AH WAS ONE OF THE FOLKS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.

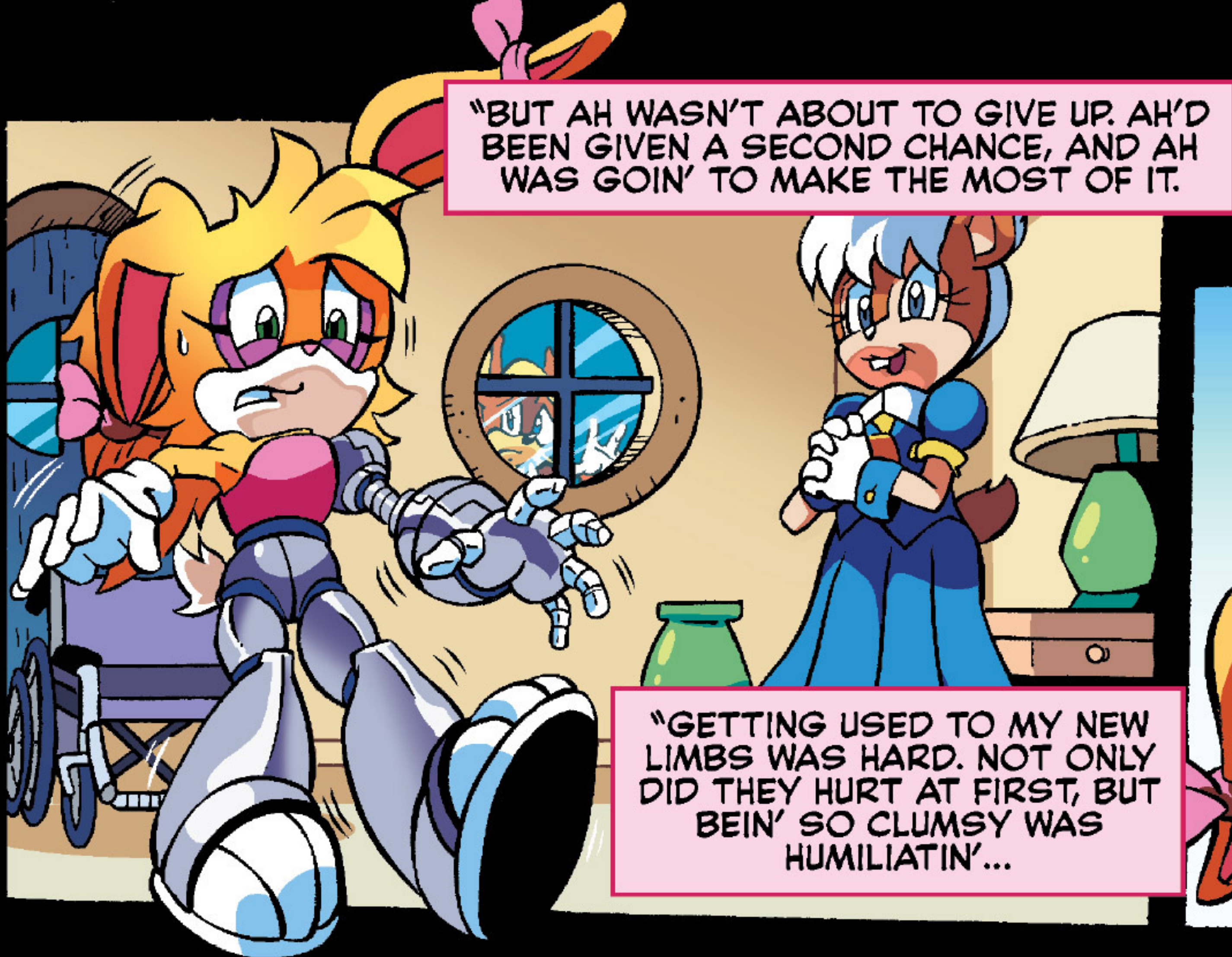
"AH WASN'T GONNA MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT. WITH THE HOSPITAL HALF-DESTROYED AND THE CITY OCCUPIED, UNCLE CHUCK DID THE ONLY THING HE COULD...

"...HE SMUGGLED ME INTO HIS LAB AND MADE ME THE FIRST PATIENT OF HIS PROTOTYPE MEDICAL **ROBOTICIZER**.

"MAH MANGLED LIMBS WERE TURNED INTO CYBERNETICS. THE PROCESS SAVED MAH LIFE...

"...AND TURNED ME INTO A FREAK.

"OR SO AH THOUGHT AT THE TIME."



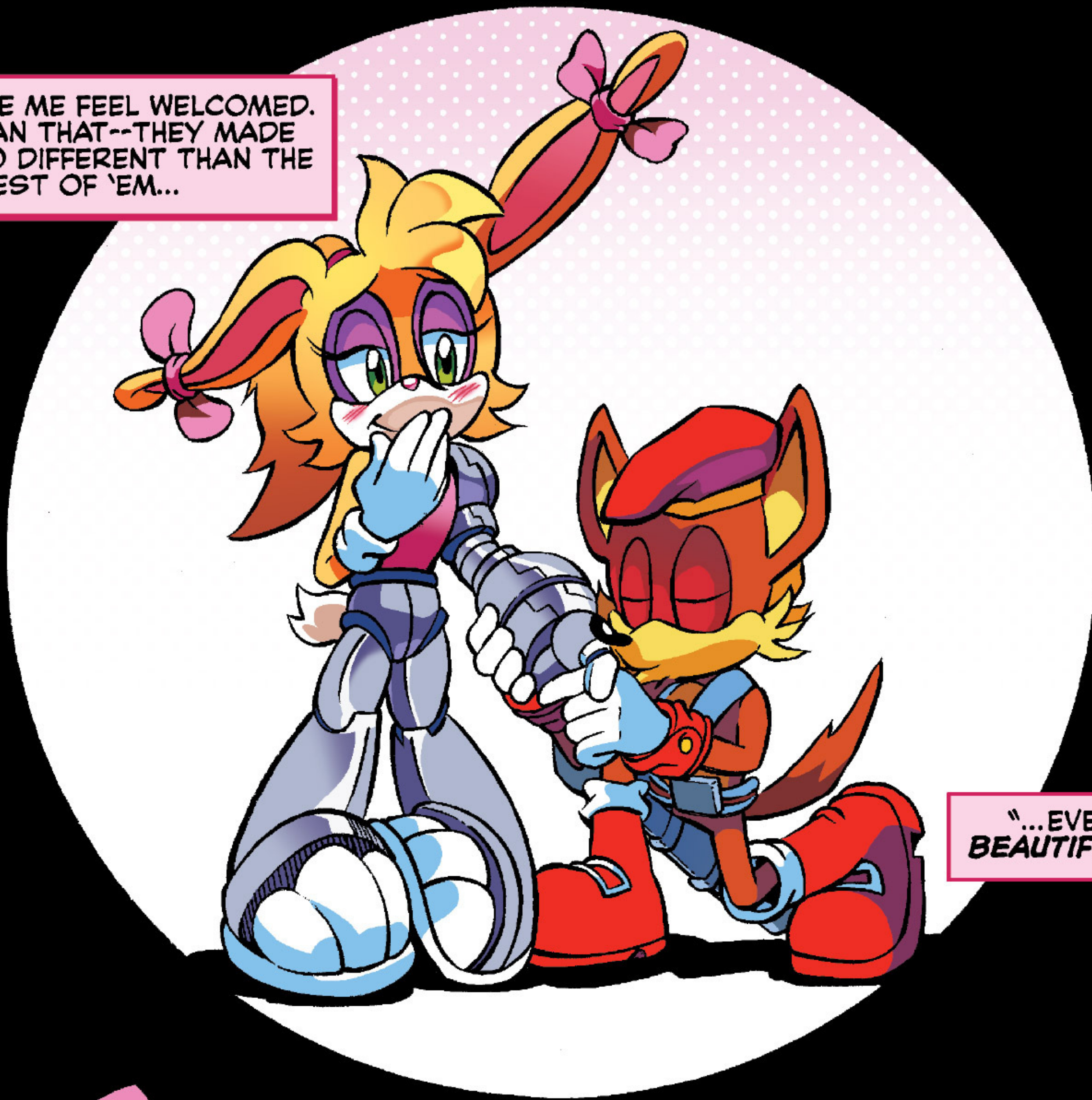
"BUT AH WASN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP. AH'D BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE, AND AH WAS GOIN' TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT."



"...BUT MY NEW FRIENDS MADE IT BEARABLE. THEY DIDN'T TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENT."

"GETTING USED TO MY NEW LIMBS WAS HARD. NOT ONLY DID THEY HURT AT FIRST, BUT BEIN' SO CLUMSY WAS HUMILIATIN'..."

"THEY MADE ME FEEL WELCOMED. MORE THAN THAT--THEY MADE ME FEEL NO DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF 'EM..."

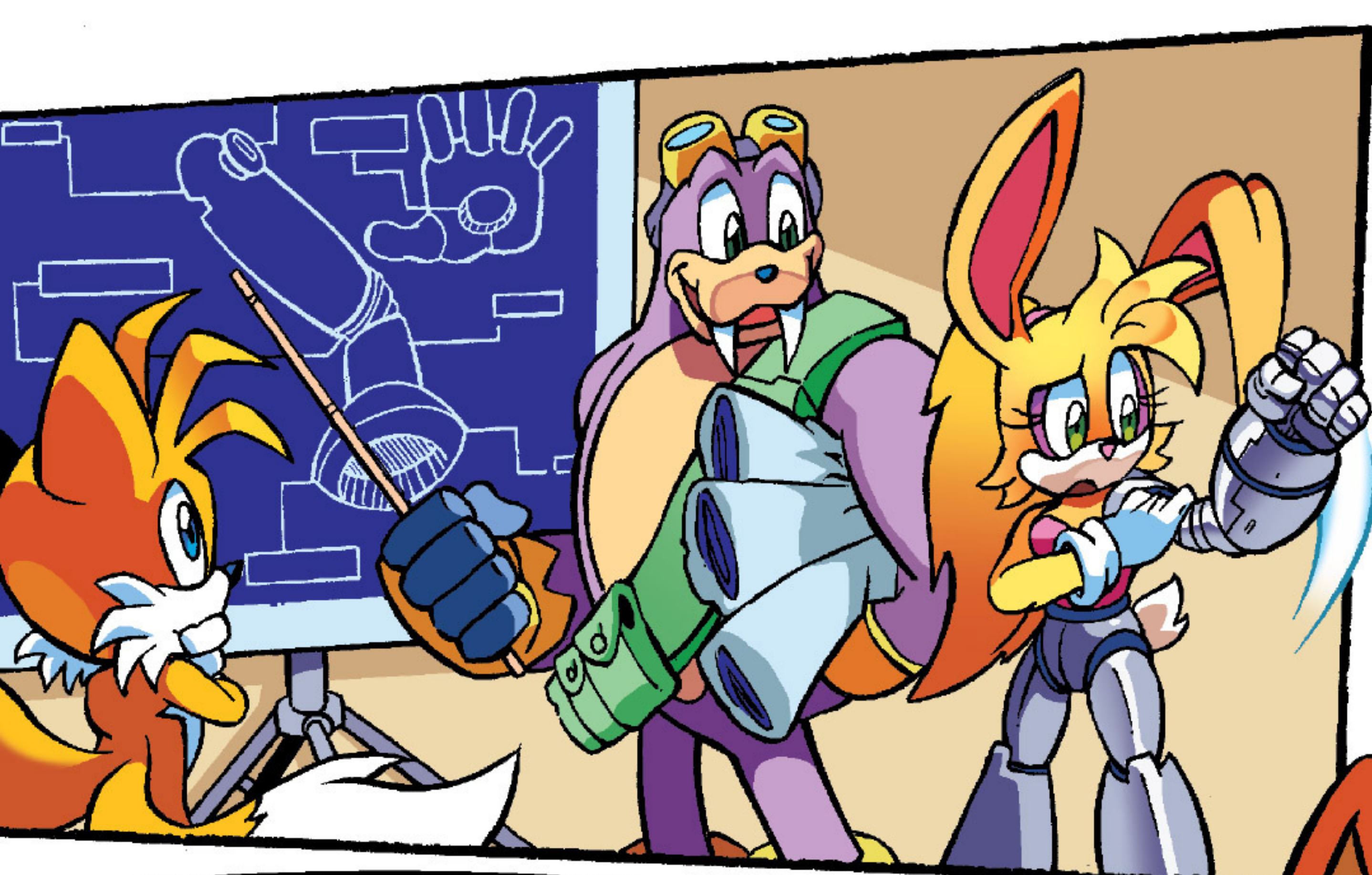


"...EVEN BEAUTIFUL..."



"...AND TOGETHER WE CREATED THE

FREEDOM FIGHTERS



"AH HAD FOUND MY PLACE ON THE TEAM,
AND THAT MEANT TO KEEP
UP-TO-DATE."

"IF EGGMAN WAS GONNA KEEP MAKIN'
BIGGER AND NASTIER MACHINES, AH
NEEDED AN UPGRADE TOO."

"ROTOR AND TAILS
HANDLED THE
HARDWARE. ANTOINE
HANDLED MAH
SOUL..."

THERE'S PROLLI NO CHANCE
AH'LL GET MY OL' LIMBS BACK
AFTER THIS, Y'KNOW.

ZO? ZAT WILL NOT CHANGE
WHO YOU ARE, MA *CHERE*. YOU WILL
STILL HAVE YOUR COURAGEOUS
HEART AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL
SPIRIT.

SUGAR-TWAN... YOU
SHO' KNOW HOW TO MAKE
A GIRL FEEL SPECIAL.

BECAUSE YOU **ARE**
SPECIAL--TO MOI. I SHALL
BE ZE FIRST ONE YOU SEE WHEN
YOU WAKE UP. *BONNE CHANCE*.

"MAYBE AH
WOULD
HAVE
BEEN A
GREAT
STYLIST.
PROLLI
WOULDN'T
MAKE A
VERY
DAINTY
LADY OF
THE COURT,
THOUGH."

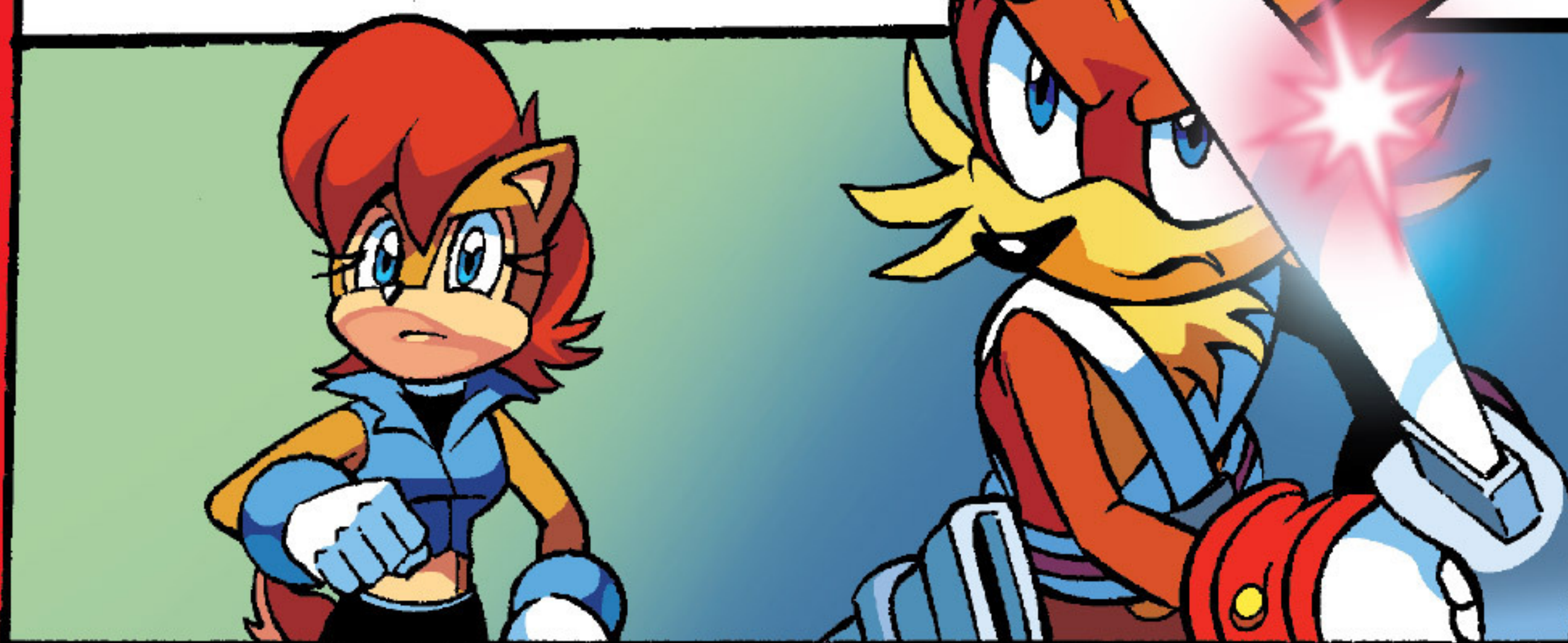
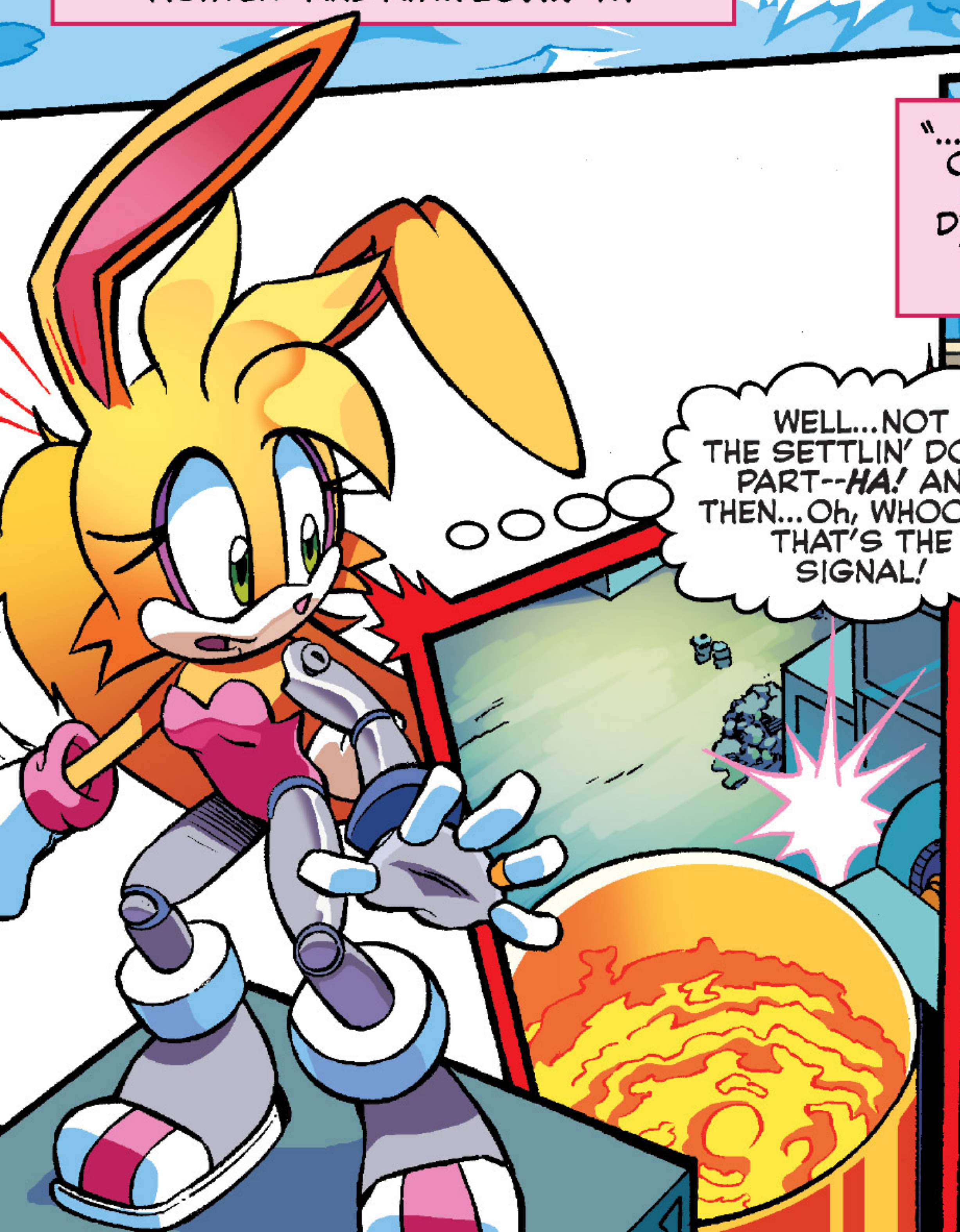
"'CAUSE NOW AH'M A ROCKET-FLYIN',
LASER-FIRIN', BADNIK-BUSTIN' FREEDOM
FIGHTER--AND AH'M LOVIN' IT!"

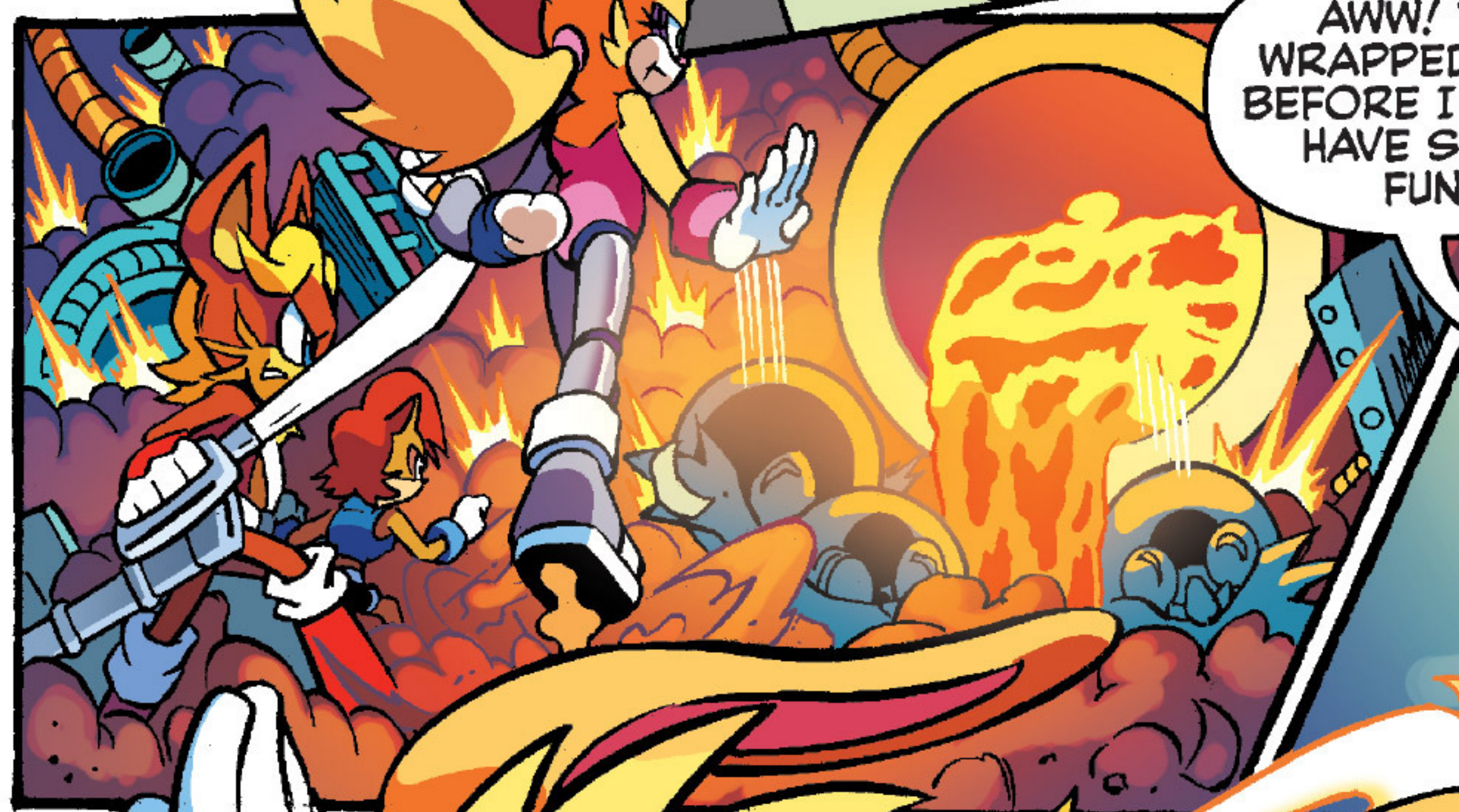
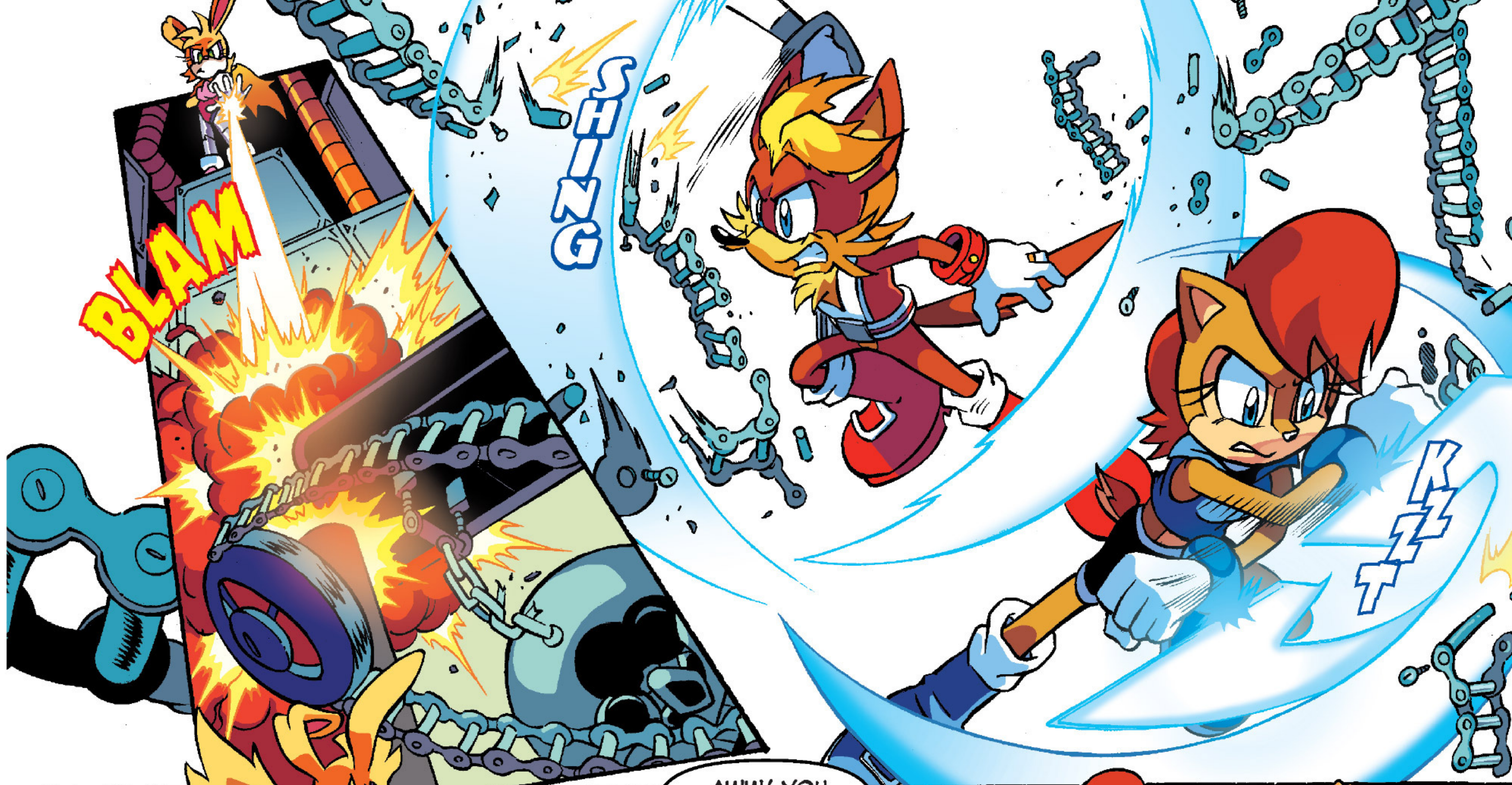
"IT DON'T MATTER AH'M HALF
MACHINE. AH'VE LEARNED TO
ACCEPT WHO AH AM. **WHAT**
AH AM..."

"...AND THE
ONE WHO
HELPED ME
THE MOST IN
REALIZIN'
THAT IS
NOW MY
HUSBAND..."

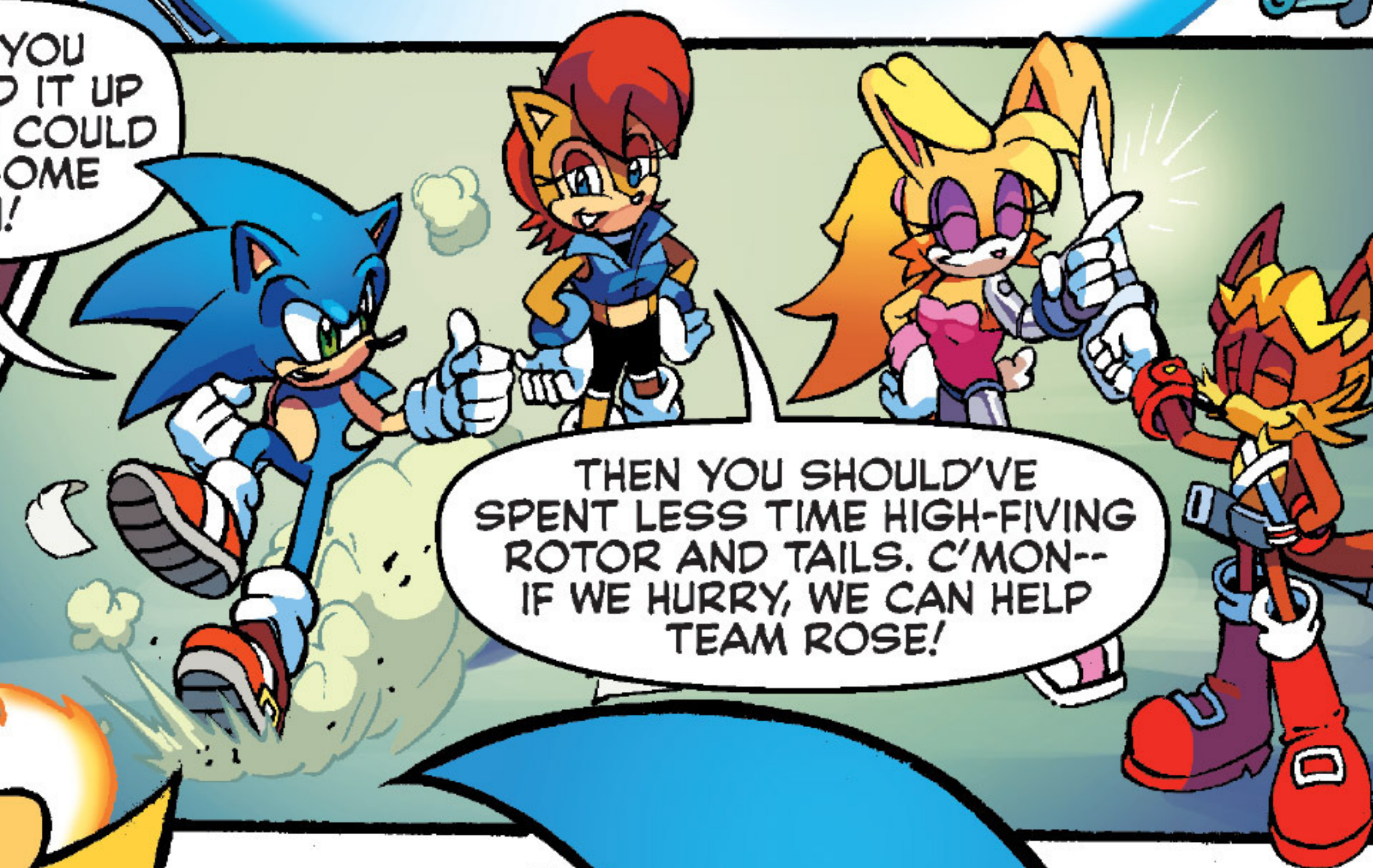
"...SO AH GUESS
ONE A' THOSE
CHILDHOOD
DREAMS CAME
TRUE AFTER
ALL!"

WELL...NOT
THE SETTLIN' DOWN
PART--*HA!* AND
THEN...Oh, WHOOPS!
THAT'S THE
SIGNAL!

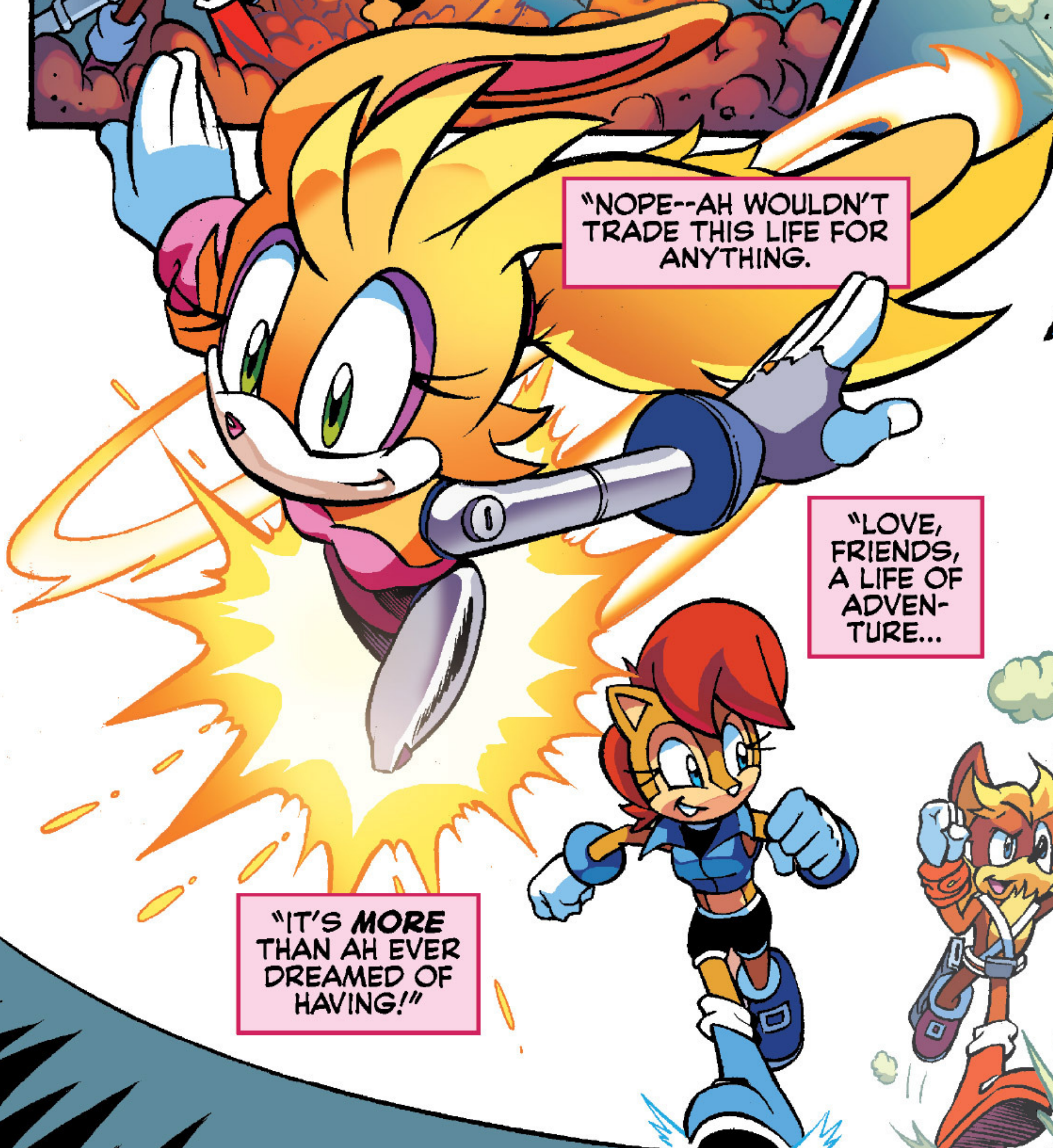




AWW! YOU WRAPPED IT UP BEFORE I COULD HAVE SOME FUN!



THEN YOU SHOULD'VE SPENT LESS TIME HIGH-FIVING ROTOR AND TAILS. C'MON-- IF WE HURRY, WE CAN HELP TEAM ROSE!



"NOPE--AH WOULDN'T TRADE THIS LIFE FOR ANYTHING."

"LOVE, FRIENDS, A LIFE OF ADVENTURE..."

"IT'S MORE THAN AH EVER DREAMED OF HAVING!"



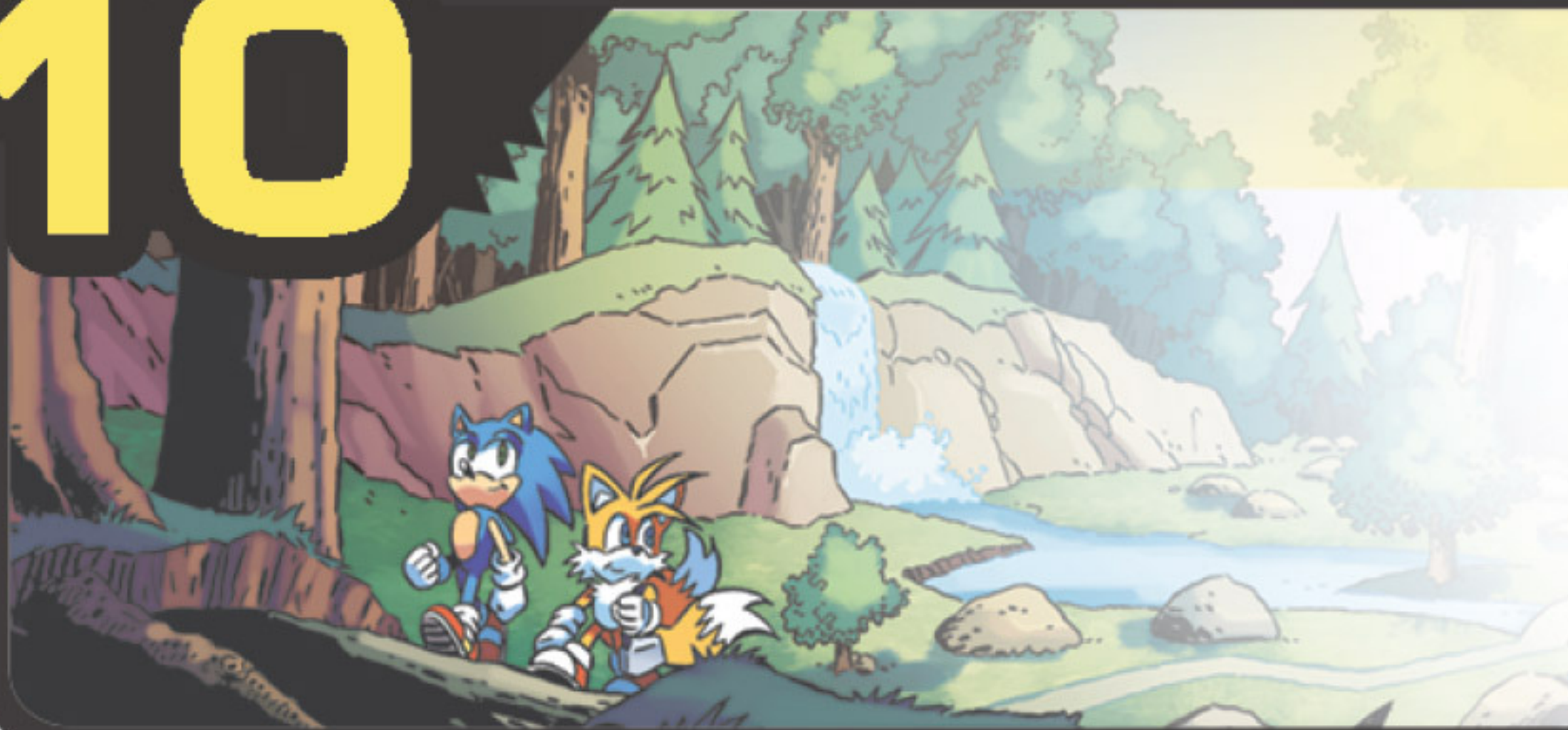
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OUR TOP 10 FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT THE NEW SONIC COMIC UNIVERSE

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NEW ZONES



With the new world comes new geography! All of the zones you've come to love from the games are back to be explored! But what new regions are waiting to be discovered?

NEW ALLIES

What's old is new again! Familiar faces return in bold new ways (like the all new, all different Muttski!) There are new heroes waiting to be found, and old friends waiting to be rediscovered!



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NEW FOES

Dr. Eggman is still around, but he's backed up by a threatening new Egg Army! Who are these new Egg Bosses? And what terrifying new badniks are about to be unleashed?!

TWO WORLDS – TWO MEMORIES

All of Sonic's past adventures have led us to this moment! How will past and present entwine to change the future? Read the Sonic Comic Origins to find out!



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SALLY'S RETURN

The leader of the band is back – and no longer a robot! Is it our same ol' Sal, or is there something more to her?



ARTICLES

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THE TEAM – REUNITED

The Freedom Fighters were torn apart before “When Worlds Collide.” It’s time they got back to where they’re supposed to be – together as a team!



NEW LOOKS

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All your favorite Freedom Fighters are back, now looking like they’re straight from the games! Who else will get the updated treatment?

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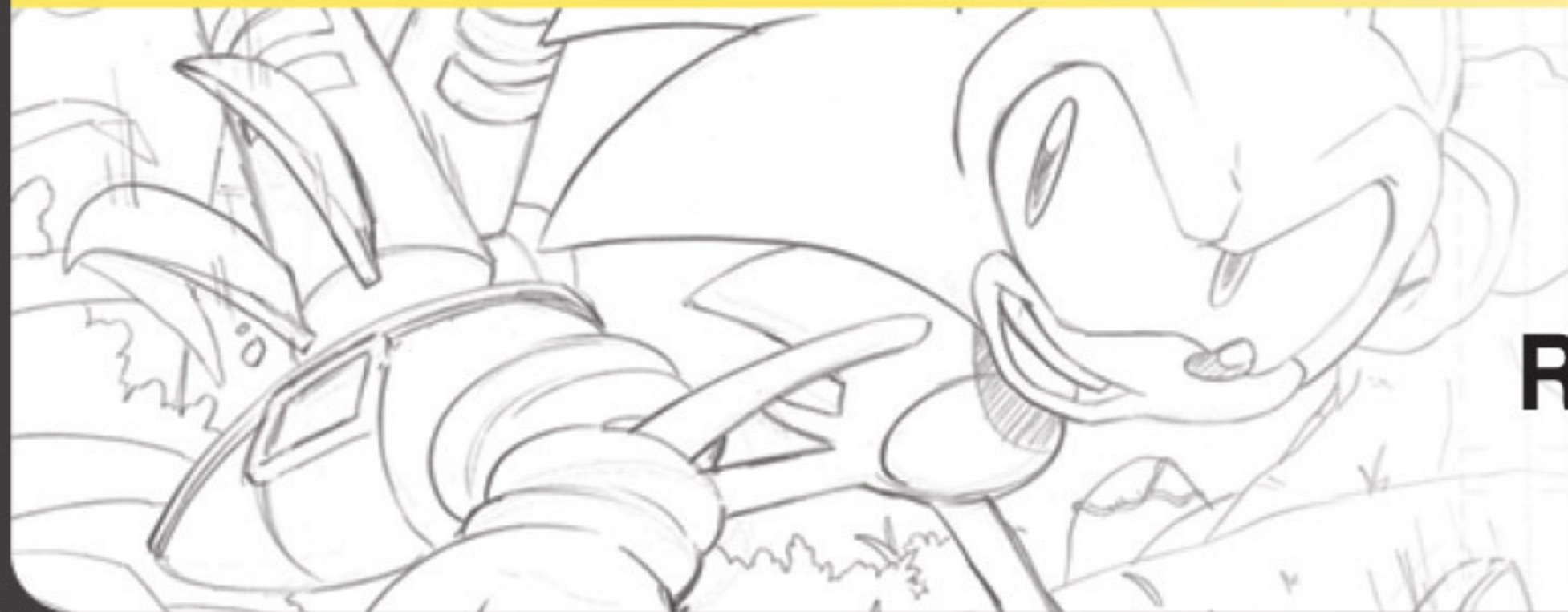
SKY PATROL

Goodbye, Freedom HQ – now Sonic & Co. are flying in style! The Sky Patrol gets our heroes to where the action is, and is ready to face down the Death Egg!



NEW ARTISTS

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Fresh talent from both professional and fan circles comes to the book! Tyson Hesse, Ryan Jampole, Jennifer Hernandez and Diana Skelly bring Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to life!

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THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS

The worlds collided – now Sonic’s world is cracking! It’s a jaw-dropping event that’s going to need everyone to pull together to save the planet!



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**TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NEW DESIGNS
FOR THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS**





SALLY ACORN

The tomboy princess is ready to hit the ground running in her new, sporty look! The classic red hair and blue boots are there, but updated for the modern age! She also sports a proper chipmunk stripe down her back. But what's the secret weapon hidden in her gloves?

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE

Antoine's swapped uniforms from the old jacket to the new, sleeker standard of the Kingdom of Acorn. With no more toupée to worry about, he can leap and spin without distraction! But don't you worry – he's still got his elegant blade and swordsmanship!

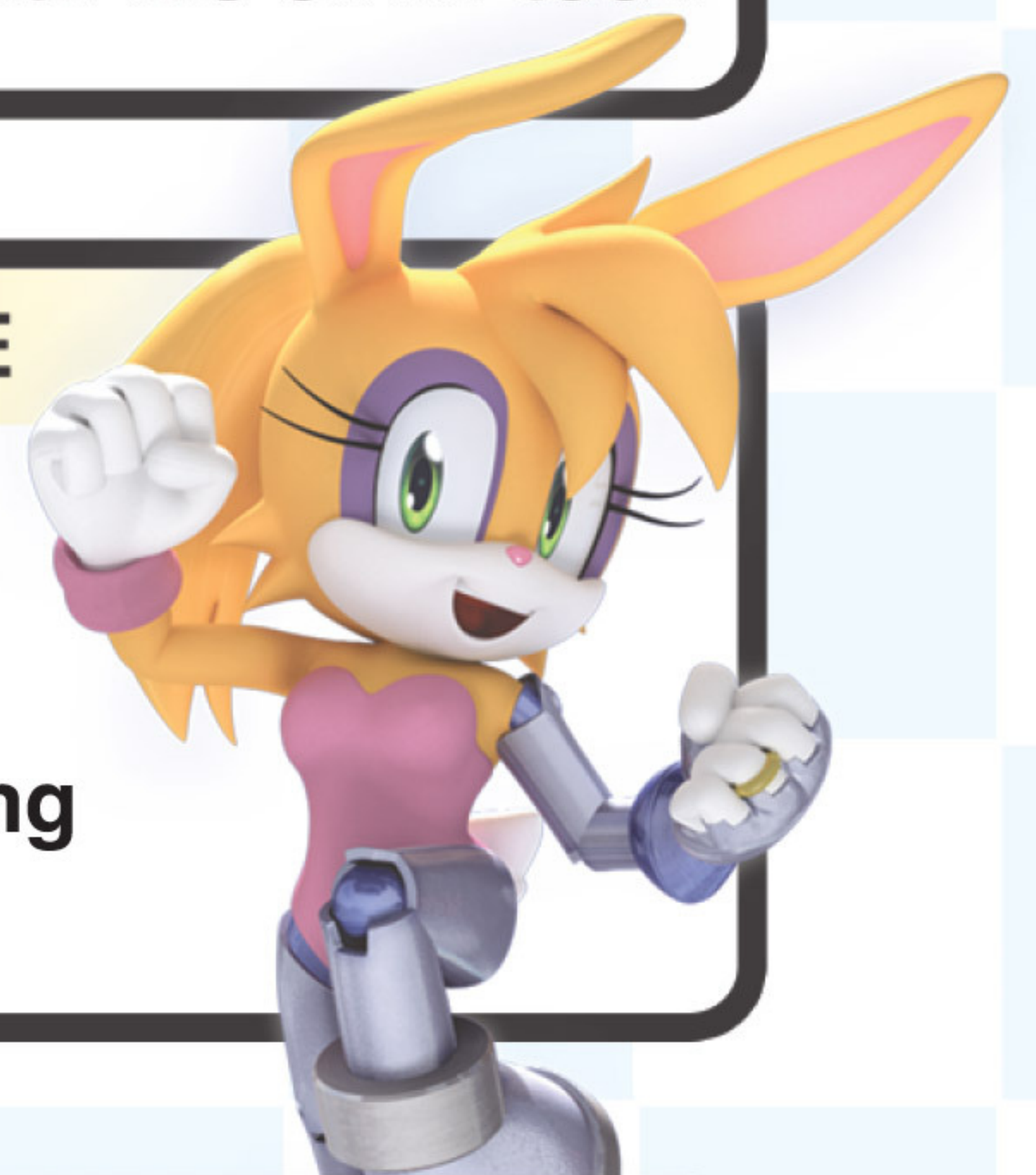


ROTOR THE WALRUS

Rotor's always been a big guy, but now he's traded in his paunch for pecs! As the team's battling mechanic, he can get into the fray with the best of them, fixing (or wrecking!) machines with his omni-tool.

BUNNIE "RABBOT" D'COOLETTE

The southern belle is half-roboticized once more! A lot of her arsenal remains – the rocket feet, the shield generator and the laser blaster. But do they still run off her life-force? Does using them still put her in danger?



NICOLE THE HOLO-LYNX

Everyone's favorite computer has received an upgrade! Now with a ring acting as a temporary battery, Nicole can move freely in her holographic form! What new tricks does she have up her virtual sleeve?

THE PLANET-SIZED JIGSAW PUZZLE!

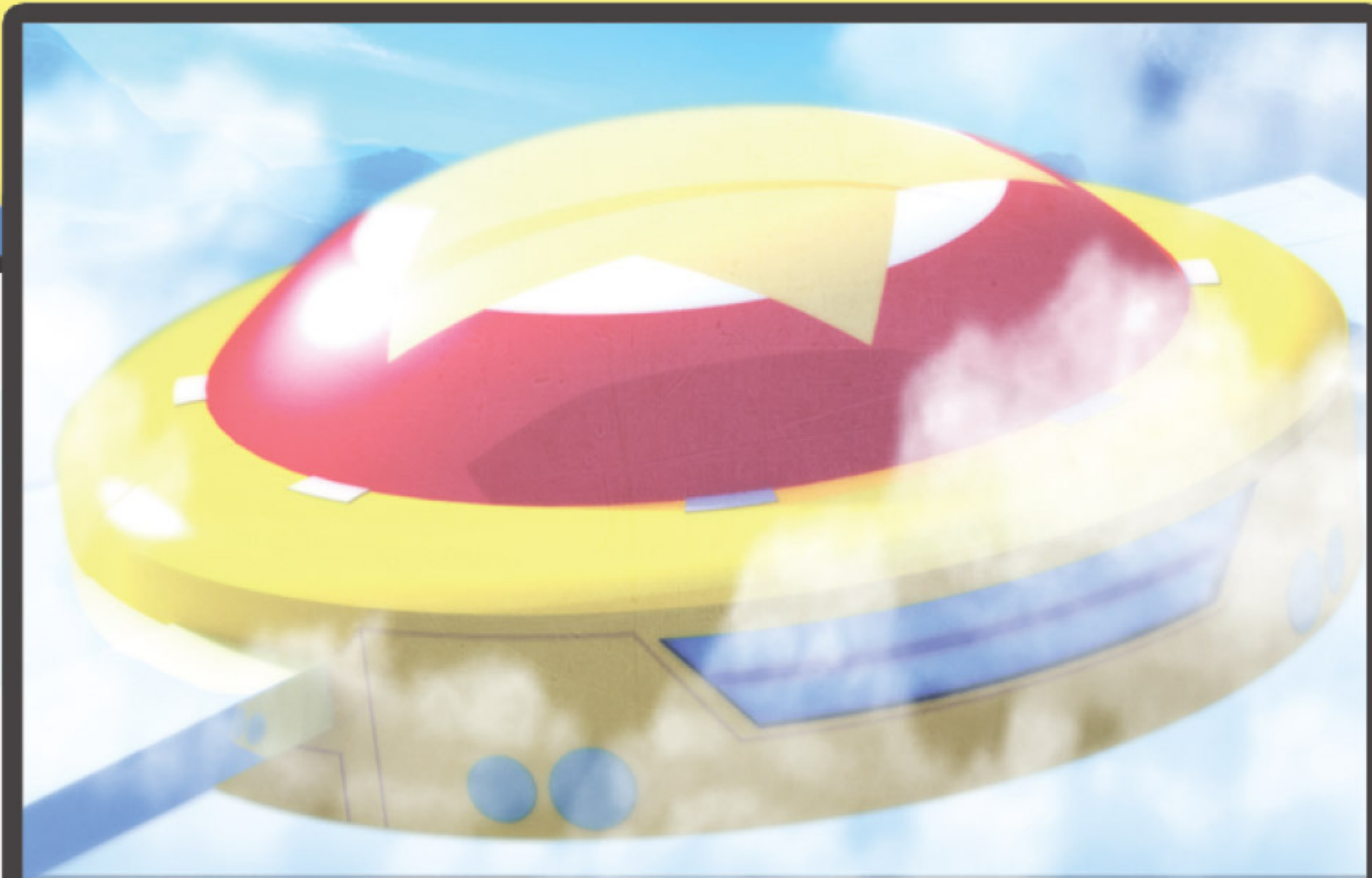


The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! Whole continents now fly in the sky with the entire planetary mantle exposed! What dark power is keeping the world's pieces afloat? What can be done to set things right? All that and more is part of Sonic's next adventure!

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters went through terrible trauma as their memories of the old reality were restored. But there's no time for them to recover – the world needs heroes!



The reunited Freedom Fighters assemble to save Station Square in *Sonic the Hedgehog* issue 257, featuring pencils by Evan Stanley!



The Freedom Fighters' base, the Sky Patrol!

Their first stop is the city of Station Square in “Damage Control” (coming up soon in this very digest!) as they react to the crisis in its zero hour!

Once things settle down, it becomes a matter of action

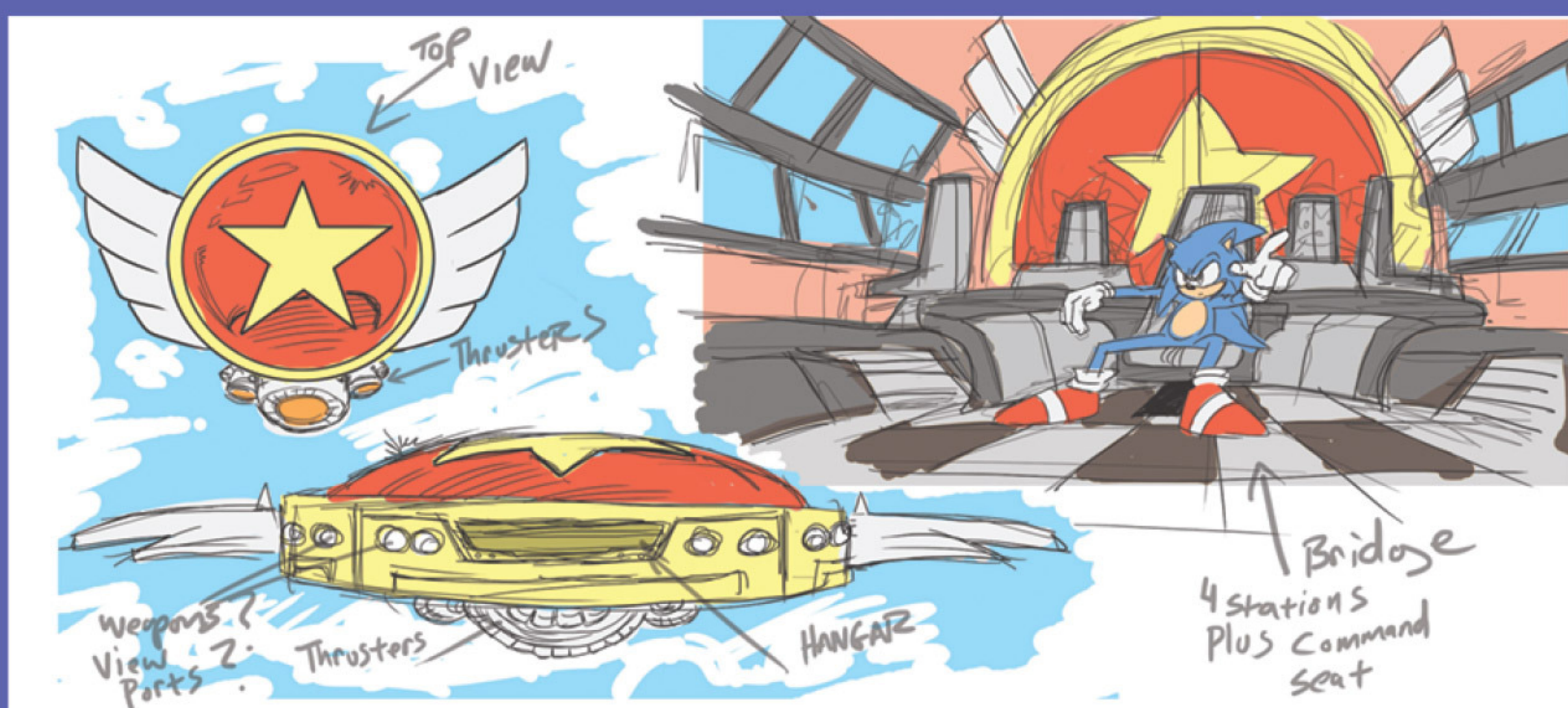
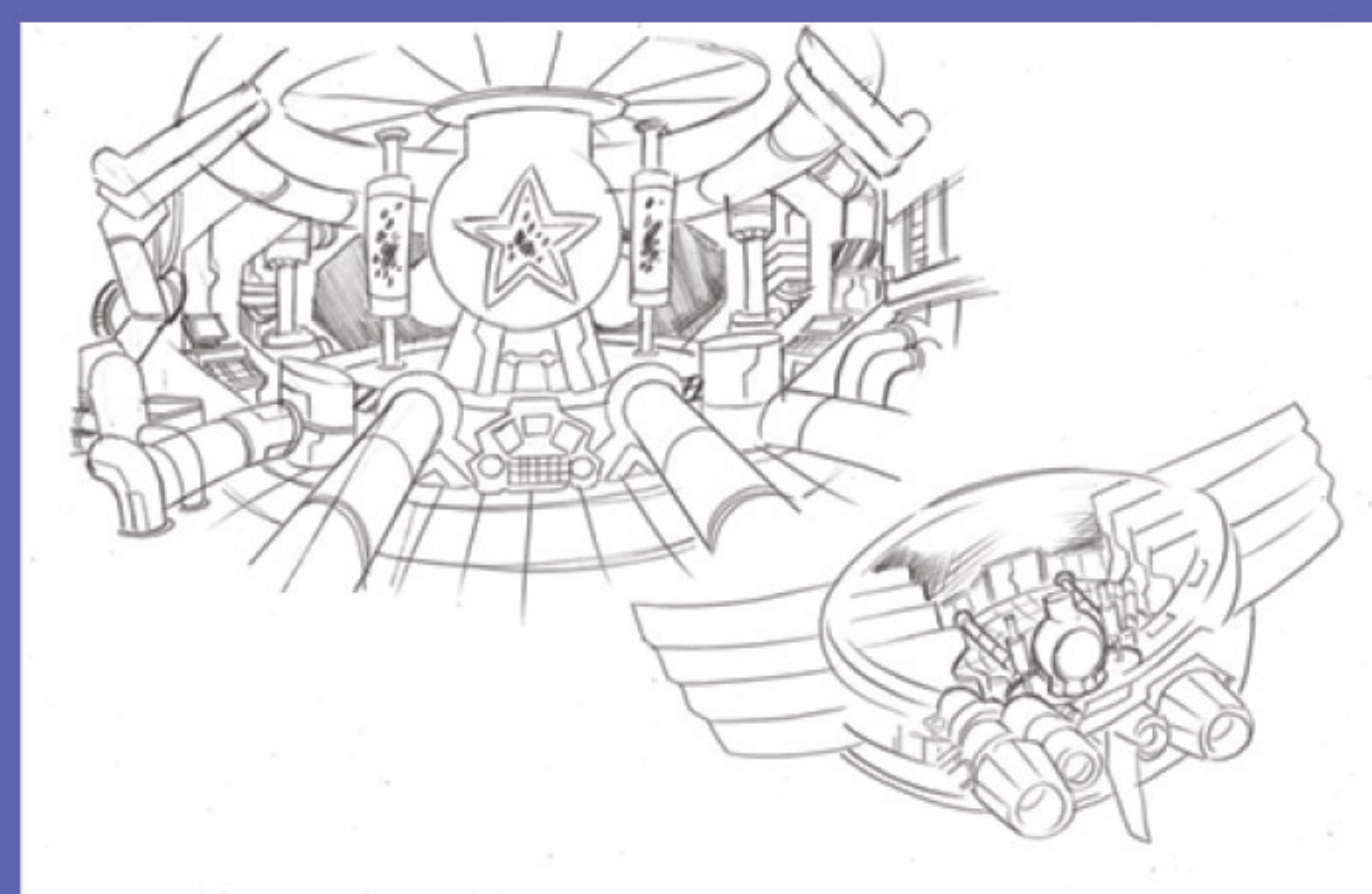
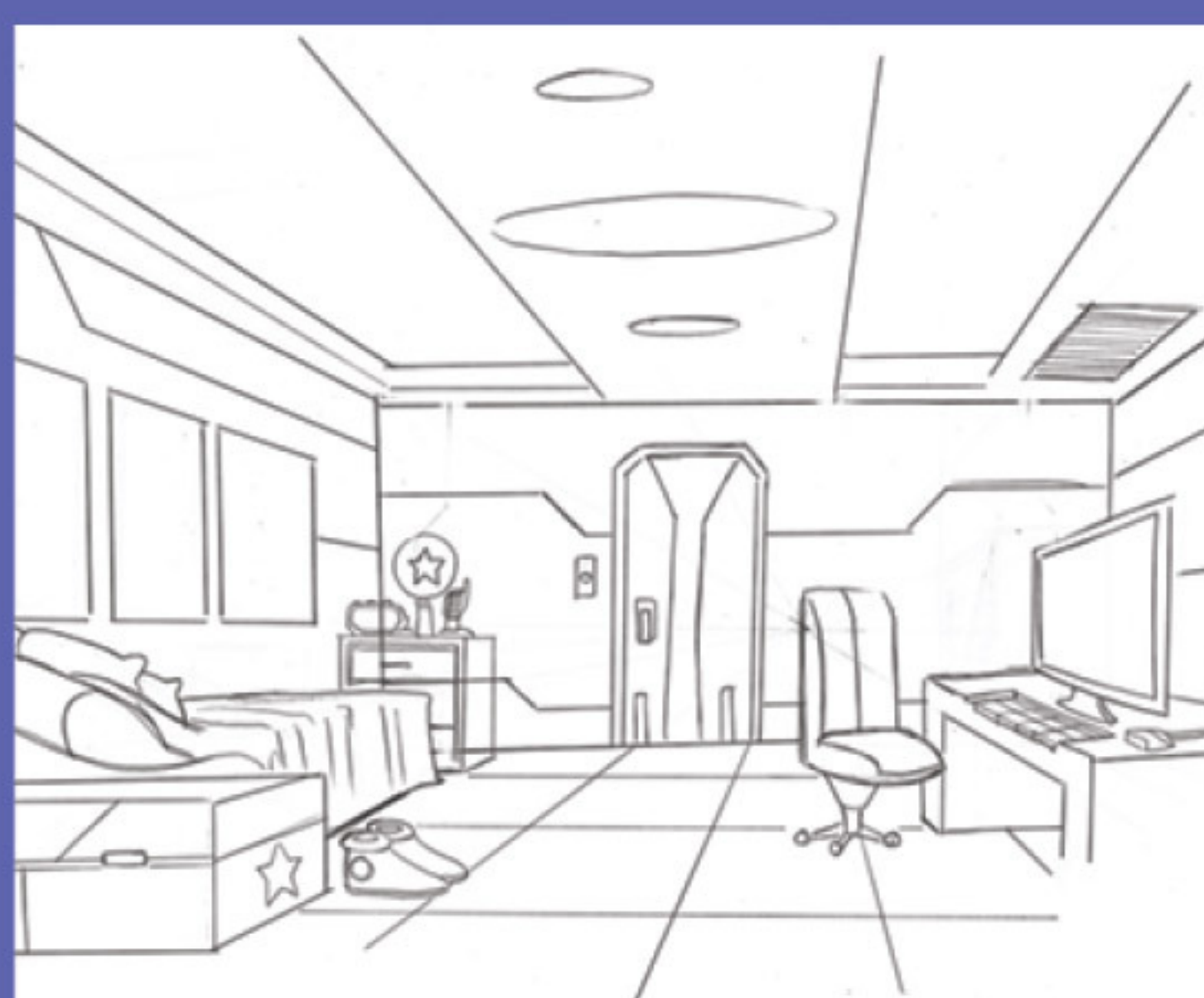
instead of reaction. How do they fix the planet? Professor Pickle and Uncle Chuck might be on the right track to a solution – which is why Dr. Eggman kidnaps them! It’s a race against time as Sonic and the Freedom Fighters rush to the professors’ rescue in “The Chase,” available now for digital download in Sonic the Hedgehog #258-259.

And how will our heroes do all this?

It was hard enough to travel the world when it was one piece! The answer: the Sky Patrol! This flying fortress has everything the Freedom Fighters need: places to sleep, places to train, a launch base for all their flying crafts, and a way to navigate the unfriendly skies of the ruined planet.

The “Countdown to Chaos” is over – now the chaos is upon us! Don’t miss this chance to join Sonic on his greatest adventure yet from the very beginning! ■

Sky Patrol interior and exterior concept sketches by Tracy Yardley and Jerry Gaylord!



GAIA TEMPLE TACTICS

With the world in pieces it's up to Sonic and the Freedom Fighters to band together and make things right! Thanks to Professor Pickle our heroes have an idea of what they need to do. Unfortunately, so does Dr. Eggman!

Hidden throughout the world are the seven Gaia Temples – ancient constructs meant to help restore the world. To power all seven temples you need the energies of the seven Chaos Emeralds. So now the hunt is on for emeralds and temples!

But it won't be easy. Tracking down the Chaos Emeralds isn't a simple job, and that's when the world is in one piece! And it will only get harder as Dr. Eggman brings all of his resources to find the emeralds and temples first!

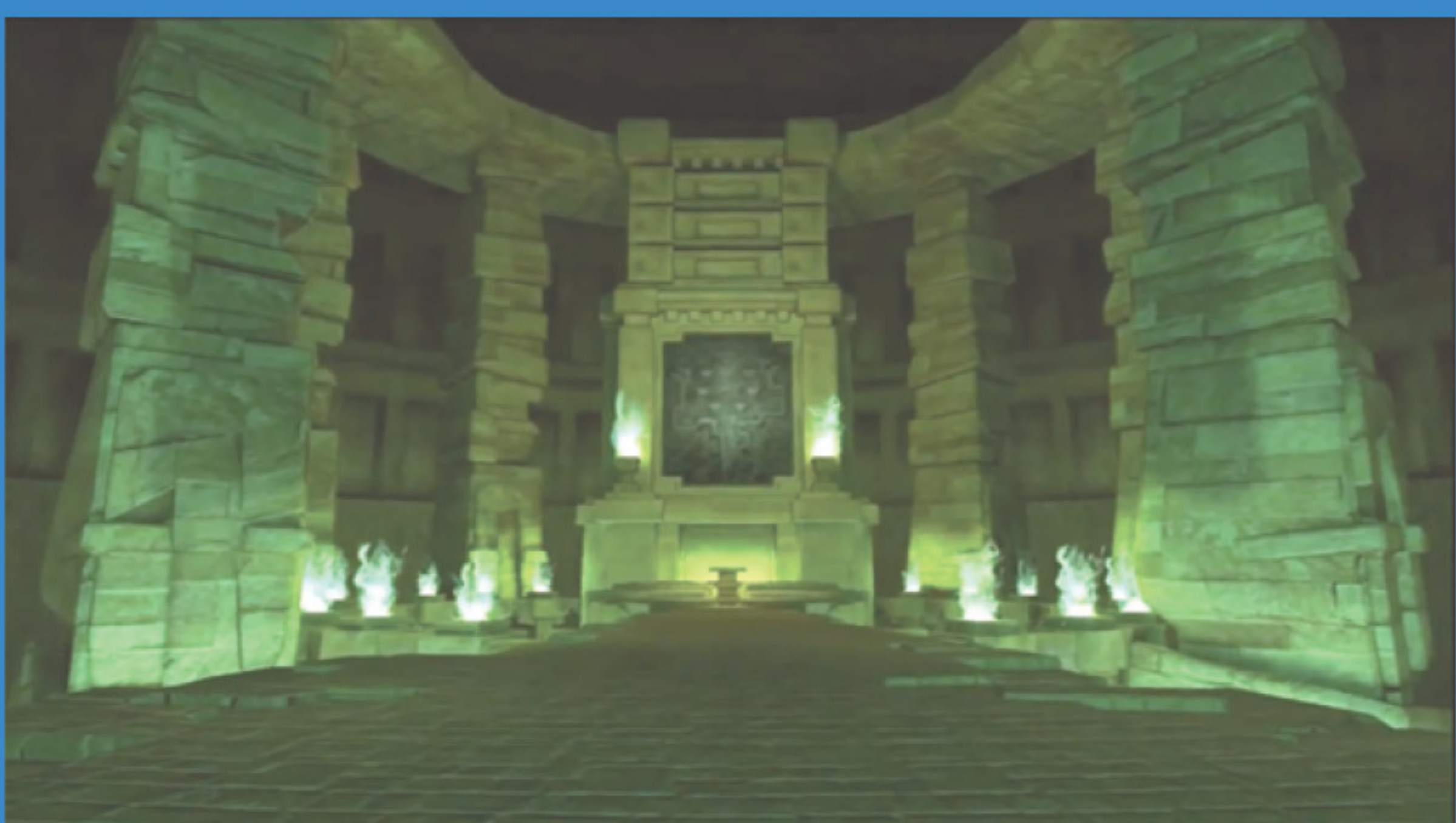
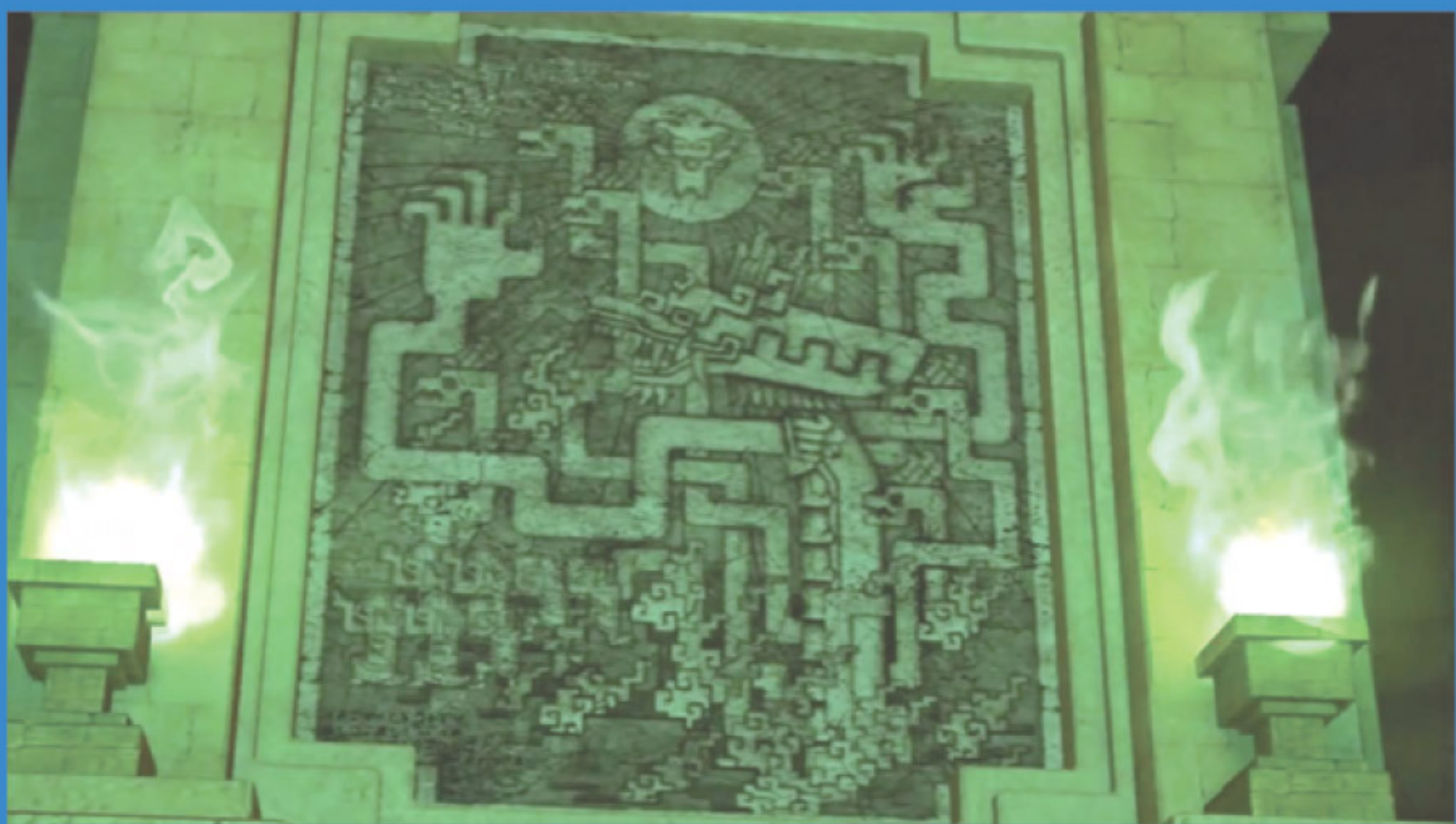
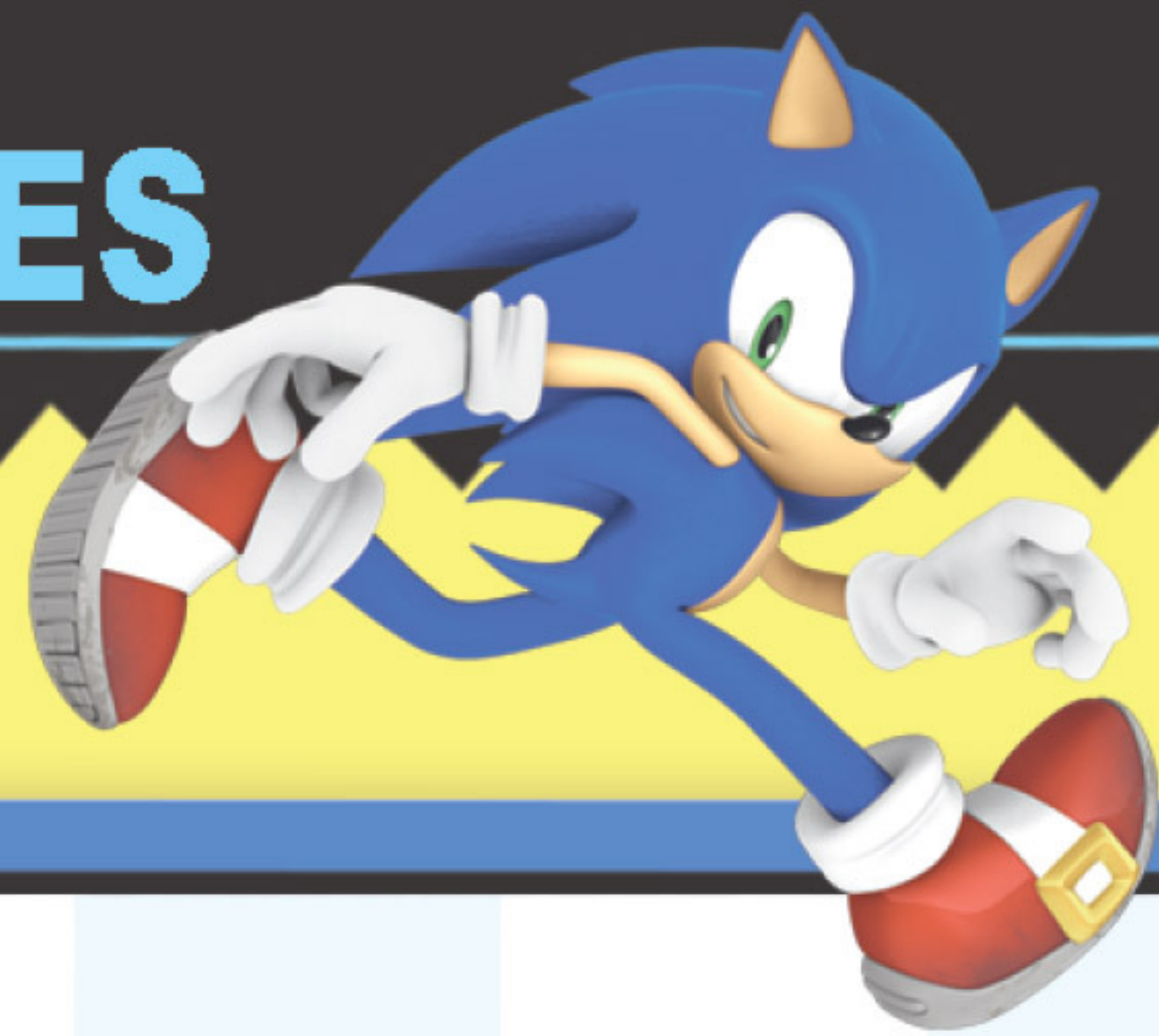


Professor Pickle may hold the key to the planet's survival!



Gaia Temples are ancient and sacred structures. Depicted here is a temple entrance as seen from the 2008 video game "Sonic Unleashed"!

ARTICLES



In order to restore the planet back to its normal state, Sonic must collect the Chaos Emeralds and bring them to the seven Gaia Temples located all around his world. That's some road trip!



Only the power of the Chaos Emeralds is strong enough to bring the pieces of the broken world back to their original state.



The Sky Patrol plays the special role of transporting our heroes on their worldwide adventure while the planet is broken.

Sonic will be facing all new Egg Bosses and Badnik Horde Commanders in his most grueling adventure yet!

Thanks to the Sky Patrol, the Freedom Fighters are free to explore every nook and cranny of the fractured planet. Teams will be scrambled, with Sonic collaborating with each of his friends in all new adventures! Join the hunt with “Waves of Change” and “The Light in the Dark” starting in Sonic the Hedgehog #260! Available now for digital download ■

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